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Interviews: 1000 adults

Dates: May 17-19, 2003

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Unless otherwise noted by a "+", all previous data shown reflects responses among all adults.

1. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

									High	Low	
	<u>5/03</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02</u> +	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>9/01</u>	<u>7/92</u> +	
Right direction	49	62	36	43	44	42	40	52	72	14	[006]
Wrong track	38	22	47	42	42	43	42	31	11	71	
Mixed (VOL)	8	13	14	13	14	12	14	14	11	9	
Not sure	5	3	3	2	-	3	4	3	6	6	
	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>9/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>			
	53	62	70	72	43	47	52	45			
	28	20	15	11	39	39	32	36			
	15	14	12	11	14	11	11	15			
	4	4	3	6	4	3	5	4			

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2a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing as president?

									High	Low	
			3/29-								
	<u>5/03</u>	<u>4/03</u>	30/03	3/23/03	3/17/03	2/03 ¹	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>11/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	
Approve	62	71	66	67	62	61	54	62	88	50	[007]
Disapprove	31	23	29	28	33	31	40	33	7	35	
Not sure	7	6	5	5	5	8	6	5	5	15	

	<u>10/02</u> +	9/02	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>5/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>11/01</u>	<u>9/01</u>	
	63	64	67	69	75	74	82	85	88	82	
	31	30	27	23	18	20	13	11	7	12	
	6	6	6	8	7	6	5	4	5	6	

¹ Overnight poll conducted after Colin Powell's speech to the United Nations.

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2b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>5/03</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02</u> +	9/02	<u>7/02</u>	
Approve	48	49	44	47	48	48	49	[800]
Disapprove	44	42	49	45	44	43	43	
Not sure	8	9	7	8	8	9	8	
	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	
	57	61	63	63	50	51	52	
	34	30	27	25	38	33	27	
	9	9	10	12	12	16	21	

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2c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing in handling our foreign policy?

Approve Disapprove Not sure	5/03 63 31 6	4/03 70 24 6	1/03 51 42 7	12/02 57 36 7	10/02+ 58 35 7	9/02 55 34 11	7/02 62 28 10	[009]
	6/02 64 28 8	<u>4/02</u> 68 26 6	1/02 81 13 6	12/01 82 12 6	6/01 50 32 18	4/01 63 26 11	3/01 53 20 27	

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2d. Specifically, when it comes to dealing with the environment, do you think that George W. Bush is doing an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job, or a poor job?

	<u>5/03</u>	<u>1/02</u>	
Excellent job	9	9	[010]
Good job	31	33	
Only a fair job	28	29	
Poor job	24	18	
Not sure	8	11	

3. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

Approve Disapprove Not sure	5/03 44 41 15	<u>1/03</u> 42 39 19	12/02 44 39 17	10/02+ 44 40 16	9/02 40 44 16	7/02 34 48 18	6/02 43 41 16	<u>1/02</u> 54 29 17	High 9/98 61 28 11	Low 10/90+ 22 69 9	[011]
		<u>12/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>12/00</u>	<u>10/00</u> +	<u>9/00</u> +		
		57	47	43	45	48	55	49	46		
		29	34	33	32	35	30	35	41		
		14	19	24	23	17	15	16	13		
		7/00+ 46 42 12	6/00+ 43 46 11	4/00+ 42 44 14	3/00+ 43 40 17	1/00 48 36 16	12/99 45 42 13	10/99 42 45 13	9/99 40 49 11		
		7/99 43 41 16	6/99 40 42 18	4/99 49 38 13	3/99 41 45 14	1/99 50 40 10	12/98 44 42 14	10/98+ 48 39 13			

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4. Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and groups, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	Very <u>Positive</u>	Somewhat <u>Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	Somewhat <u>Negative</u>	Very <u>Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ <u>Not Sure</u>	
George W. Bush							
May 2003	41	22	9	10	17	1	[012]
January 2003	36	20	12	16	16	-	
December 2002	38	24	14	12	12	-	
October 2002+	37	24	11	12	15	1	
September 2002	38	25	14	11	12	-	
July 2002	40	26	11	11	12	-	
June 2002	43	27	11	10	9	-	
April 2002	47	25	13	8	7	-	
January 2002	53	26	10	7	4	-	
December 2001	54	26	9	6	5	-	
June 2001	30	23	16	15	15	1	
April 2001	36	22	15	13	14	-	
March 2001	38	24	14	12	11	1	
High							
December 2001	54	26	9	6	5	-	
Low							
March 2000+	19	26	21	15	17	2	

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Q.4 (cont'd)	Very <u>Positive</u>	Somewhat <u>Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	Somewhat <u>Negative</u>	Very <u>Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ <u>Not Sure</u>	
The Republican Party							
May 2003	23	26	18	17	13	4	[013]
December 2002	21	26	22	15	14	2	
October 2002+	16	28	24	17	14	1	
September 2002	15	30	26	13	13	3	
July 2002	18	25	22	17	14	4	
June 2002	17	29	23	16	11	4	
January 2002	20	32	24	12	9	3	
December 2001	21	36	18	13	9	3	
June 2001	13	30	21	19	16	1	
March 2001	18	31	21	15	14	1	
January 2001	14	30	25	15	14	2	
December 2000	18	26	23	14	18	1	
High							
December 2001	21	36	18	13	9	3	
Low							
March 1999	1	22	23	19	23	2	
The Democratic Party							
May 2003	11	25	28	18	15	3	[014]
December 2002	13	27	27	16	15	2	
October 2002+	12	27	27	20	12	2	
September 2002	12	26	30	17	12	3	
July 2002	10	29	25	21	13	2	
June 2002	10	27	27	18	14	4	
January 2002	16	33	23	15	11	2	
December 2001	18	30	26	14	9	3	
June 2001	15	31	24	17	11	2	
March 2001	17	27	24	16	14	2	
January 2001	21	26	22	16	13	2	
December 2000	23	23	18	16	18	2	
High							
January 2000	20	30	23	15	10	2	
Low							
December 1994	10	23	25	24	16	2	

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Q.4 (cont'd) Dick Cheney	Very <u>Positive</u>	Somewhat <u>Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	Somewhat <u>Negative</u>	Very <u>Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ <u>Not Sure</u>	
May 2003	24	23	18	10	14	10	[015]
January 2003	20	27	23	12	13	5	[013]
September 2002	23	27	23	12	12	5	
•	23 24	28	19	10	13	6	
July 2002	2 4 27	20 29	22		_	4	
April 2002		-		8	10	•	
January 2002	32	30	21	6	5	6	
December 2001	36	27	23	3	6	5	
June 2001	26	22	22	14	11	5	
April 2001	31	21	22	10	9	7	
March 2001	30	26	22	8	6	8	
January 2001	23	26	26	9	7	9	
December 2000	23	26	22	10	11	8	
October 2000+	25	24	26	8	9	8	
High							
February 1991+	33	33	13	2	2	17	
Low							
July 2000+	19	23	26	9	6	17	
Tom Daschle							
May 2003 *	3	14	21	14	18	29	[016]
January 2003	5	17	26	14	17	21	
July 2002	6	18	22	13	13	28	
January 2002	8	24	21	8	11	28	
December 2001	11	23	27	7	6	26	
December 2000	3	7	17	5	4	64	
Bill Frist							
May 2003 *	5	10	15	6	2	61	[017]
January 2003	7	10	22	3	3	55	
William Bennett							
May 2003 *	4	13	19	7	7	50	[018]
Donald Rumsfeld							
May 2003 **	25	24	14	9	12	15	[019]
June 2002	23	24	19	8	6	20	- -
December 2001	30	26	16	4	3	21	

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters

Q.4 (cont'd)	Very <u>Positive</u>	Somewhat <u>Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	Somewhat <u>Negative</u>	Very <u>Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ <u>Not Sure</u>	
Colin Powell							
May 2003 **	50	26	10	7	3	5	[020]
December 2001	57	27	10	1	1	4	
April 2001	51	27	12	4	1	5	
March 2001	53	23	13	4	2	5	
January 2001	48	26	16	4	1	5	
April 1997	47	30	14	3	2	4	
August 1996+	30	35	20	5	3	7	
June 1996+	37	32	19	3	3	6	
May 1996+	35	30	19	5	3	8	
December 1995	28	33	24	5	4	6	
October 1995	21	33	28	6	2	10	
March 1991+	43	28	8	2	1	18	
February 1991+	46	22	8	2	1	21	
U.S. Military Forces							
May 2003 **	80	14	5	-	-	1	[021]

If President Bush runs for reelection in 2004, do you think you will probably vote for President Bush or 5a. probably vote for the Democratic candidate?

	<u>5/03</u>	<u>4/03</u>	1/03	12/02	<u>10/02</u> +	
Probably vote for President Bush	47	52	41	42	45	[022]
Probably vote for Democratic candidate	32	24	34	28	31	
Vote for another party's candidate (VOL)	2	4	3	4	3	
Depends on who opponent is (VOL)	12	14	16	20	17	
Not sure	7	6	6	6	4	

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If the next election for president were held today, and George W. Bush were running as the Republican 5b. candidate and Richard Gephardt were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>5/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>1/02</u>	
George W. Bush	55	51	67	[023]
Richard Gephardt	29	32	21	
Depends (VOL)	3	3	NA	
Neither/other (VOL)	5	6	3	
Not sure	7	8	9	

^{**} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B). + Results shown reflect responses among registered voters

5c. If the next election for president were held today, and George W. Bush were running as the Republican candidate and Joe Lieberman were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>5/03</u> *	<u>1/03</u>	
George W. Bush	53	50	[024]
Joe Lieberman	32	34	
Depends (VOL)	3	3	
Neither/other (VOL)	5	5	
Not sure	7	8	

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

5d. If the next election for president were held today, and George W. Bush were running as the Republican candidate and John Kerry were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>5/03</u> **	<u>1/03</u>	
George W. Bush	55	48	[025]
John Kerry	27	31	
Depends (VOL)	2	4	
Neither/other (VOL)	6	3	
Not sure	11	14	

^{**} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN." IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party, closer to the Republican Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat	16		[026]
Not very strong Democrat	10	Skip to Q.7a	
Independent/lean Democrat	11		
Strictly independent	17	•	
Independent/lean Republican	11		
Not very strong Republican	8	CONTINUE	
Strong Republican	17		
Other	7		
Not sure/nothing	3		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO DO NOT SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.6a)

6b. If there were a presidential primary election in your state, would you vote in the Democratic primary, the Republican primary, or would you wait to vote in the general election?

	<u>5/03</u>		<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	12/02	<u>10/02</u> +	
Vote in the Democratic primary	9	CONTINUE	6	8	6	8	[027]
Vote in the Republican primary	39		41	43	43	43	
Wait until the general election	46	Skip to Q.8a-g	44	46	43	42	
Neither/other (VOL)	2		3	1	4	3	
Not sure	4		6	2	4	4	

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(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.6a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.6b.)

7a. If the next Democratic primary for president were being held today, do you think you would vote for the Democrat you most agree with, or would you vote for the Democrat you think has the best chance of beating President Bush?

Would vote for the Democrat I most agree with	65	[028]
Would vote for the Democrat with the best		
chance of beating Bush	27	
Neither	3	
Some of both/Depends	3	
Not sure	3	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.6a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.6b.)

7b. Let me mention some people who might seek the Democratic nomination for president in 2004. If the next Democratic primary for president were being held today, for which one of the following candidates would you vote? (IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

	<u>5/03</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	
Joe Lieberman	21	19	25	20	[029]
John Kerry	17	13	14	16	
Richard Gephardt	16	14	17	14	
John Edwards	5	4	7	3	
Bob Graham	4	3	6	NA	
Carol Moseley Braun	4	4	NA	NA	
Howard Dean	3	3	3	1	
Al Sharpton	2	2	2	4	
Dennis Kucinich	1	NA	NA	NA	
None (VOL) ¹	6	14	5		
Other (VOL)	1	1	1	6	
Not sure	21	23	20	22	

 $^{^{\}mbox{\tiny 1}}$ In December 2002, "None (VOL)" and "Other (VOL)" were one item.

8a-g. How would you rate George W. Bush on the following qualities, using a five-point scale, on which a "5" means a very good rating, a "1" means a very poor rating, and a "3" means a mixed rating?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY GOOD RATING (RATING OF "4" OR "5")

	Very G Rating	ood		Ve	ery Poor Rating	Cannot	
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
Having the strong leadership qualities needed to be president							
May 2003	47	17	15	8	13	1	[034]
January 2003	34	22	21	11	12	-	
July 2002	38	24	19	9	10	-	
January 2002	49	24	17	5	5	-	
April 2001	28	22	22	13	15	-	
January 2001	26	24	25	13	11	1	
December 1999	26	27	24	10	9	4	

Q.8a-g (cont'd)	Very Go Rating	ood		Ve	ry Poor Rating	Cannot	
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
Being honest and straightforward							
May 2003	41	18	21	7	13	1	[030]
January 2003	39	21	16	10	13	1	
July 2002	35	23	19	10	12	1	
April 2001	37	18	20	11	13	1	
January 2001	28	22	25	11	13	1	
Being a world leader in dealing with other countries							
May 2003	38	19	15	8	18	1	[033]
January 2003	25	24	23	11	17	-	
Being compassionate enough to understand average people							
May 2003	34	17	19	9	20	1	[032]
January 2003	27	22	19	12	19	1	
July 2002	33	23	21	10	12	1	
January 2002	44	21	20	6	8	1	
April 2001	26	20	21	15	17	1	
January 2001	21	21	27	14	16	1	
December 1999	22	24	28	10	12	4	
Being sensitive to the needs of minorities							
May 2003	24	19	25	8	20	3	[036]
January 2003	17	23	26	15	19	-	
April 2001	18	20	29	12	18	3	
January 2001	16	20	28	14	19	3	
Having the right policies on domestic issues for the times							
May 2003	22	20	25	11	21	1	[035]
January 2003	13	23	32	14	17	1	
Having the right economic policies for the times							
May 2003	18	21	25	11	23	2	[031]
January 2003	13	20	29	16	21	1	
July 2002	14	25	34	13	12	2	

9. Which ONE or TWO of the following issues and problems do you think should be the top priorities for the President and Congress to address this year? (ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES. IF "ALL," ASK:) If you absolutely had to choose, which ONE or TWO issues would you say are the biggest priorities?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

	<u>5/03</u>	<u>1/03</u> ¹	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02</u> +	
Strengthening the economy	57	45	48	43	[037]
Fighting terrorism	36	28	35	36	>
Dealing with health care costs	25	26	23	18	
Protecting Social Security	15	18	19	17	
Protecting the environment	6	NA	NA	NA	
Passing tax cuts ²	5	7	7	4	
Dealing with Iraq	5	25	19	18	
All equally important (VOL)	10	9	11	16	
None/other (VOL)	1	-	1	1	
Not sure	1	-	-	-	

¹Prior to January 2003, question was phrased, "... to address over the next several months?"

10. Which of the following statements comes closer to your view?

Statement A: The President and Congress need to adopt a set of policies built around large tax cuts for individuals and businesses designed to help the economy over the long run.

Statement B: The President and Congress need to adopt a set of policies built around small, but immediate tax cuts targeted mostly to individuals to help stimulate the economy in the near term

Statement C: The economy is recovering on its own, and we do not need government programs to stimulate the economy.

Statement Aharge tax cuts for		
individuals and businesses	32	[038]
Statement B/small but immediate tax		
cuts for individuals	43	
Statement C/economy is recovering on		
its own	17	
Depends (VOL)	2	
Not sure	6	

²Prior to May 2003, item was phrased, "Dealing with tax cuts."

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Now I'd like to turn to the economy.

11. Over the past twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

Economy has gotten better Economy has gotten worse Economy has stayed about the same Not sure	5/03 18 44 36 1	<u>12/01</u> 6 65 28 1	4/01 7 57 35 1	3/01 ¹ 17 44 38 1	3/92 6 73 20 1	1/92 2 78 19 1	12/91 3 74 22 1	10/91 6 67 26 1	[039]
		9/91 8 57 33 2	7/91 9 64 26 1	6/91 11 54 35	5/91 8 64 27 1	12/90 3 73 23 1	10/90 3 72 24 1	9/90 6 57 35 2	
		7/90 11 37 51 1	5/90 11 36 52 1	4/90 12 30 56 2	3/90 12 30 56 2	1/90 12 29 57 2	11/89 15 34 49 2	9/89 18 23 57 2	

¹ Prior to April 2001, this question was phrased, "Over the past year..."

12. During the next twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

Economy will get better Economy will get worse Economy will stay about the same Not sure	5/03 49 16 32 3	1/03 35 25 37 3	12/02 40 20 35 5	10/02+ 41 20 34 5	9/02 39 18 39 4	7/02 41 20 37 2	4/02 50 13 32 5	[040]
		12/01 50 15 32 3	4/01 36 25 34 5	3/01 ¹ 28 29 37 6	10/98+ 17 24 54 5	9/98 19 22 53 6	4/97 19 22 57 2	
	1/96 21 21 52 6	7/95 20 21 54 5	4/95 24 23 50 3	12/94 31 17 46 6	10/94 31 24 40 5	9/94 28 24 44 4	6/94 28 17 52 3	
	5/94 27 21 49 3 6/93 23 27 47	3/94 29 16 52 3 4/93 33 21 44	1/94 44 16 36 4 3/93 39 15 43	12/93 43 19 34 4 1/93 50 9	10/93 21 27 50 2 12/92 53 10 35	9/93 23 24 51 2 5/92 32 20 45	7/93 20 29 48 3 9/91 31 24 40	
	3	2	3	2	2	3	5	

 $^{^{1}\}mbox{Prior}$ to April 2001, this question was phrased, "During the next year..."

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13. Has the economic downturn we've experienced directly affected you and your family? (IF "AFFECTED," ASK:) Has it directly affected you and your family a great deal or just a little?

Yes, it has directly affected me a great deal	28	[041]
Yes, it has directly affected me just a little	33	
No, it has not directly affected me	38	
Not sure	1	

14. In terms of the country's economic condition, which of the following statements comes closest to your point of view?

<u>5/</u>	<u>/03 1</u>	<u> 10/02</u> +	9/02	
The country is currently in an economic recession and will come out of it in the next twelve months	40	40	37	[042]
The country is currently in an economic recession and will continue to be in the next twelve months	39	41	43	
The country is not currently in an economic recession but will be within the next twelve months	4	5	5	
The country is not currently in an economic recession and will not be in the next twelve months	L4	11	11	
Not sure	4	3	4	

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15. How likely do you think it is that you or someone in your household will lose their job as a result of a recession in the next twelve months--extremely likely, very likely, just somewhat likely, or not that likely?

	<u>5/03</u>	<u>10/02</u> +	<u>1/02</u>	12/01	<u>9/91</u> 1	
Extremely likely	8	6	6	8	8	[043]
Very likely	8	6	7	7	10	
Just somewhat likely	17	17	18	20	21	
Not that likely	65	69	67	64	58	
Not sure	3	2	2	1	3	

In September 1991, this question was phrased, "How likely do you think it is that you or someone in your household will lose their job as a result of the recession..."

Turning now to economic policy ...

16. I'm going to describe two different types of economic approaches, and I'd like you to tell me which one you would prefer.

Approach A. Each person's standard of living would increase, but higher-income people's standard of living would increase more than that of lower-income people

Approach B. Each person's standard of living would increase equally, but each person's standard of living would increase less than in Approach A.

More, but unequally	27	[044]
Equally, but less	60	
Depends (VOL)	2	
Neither (VOL)	2	
Not sure	q	

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

17. Do you think the best way to increase economic growth and create jobs is to cut taxes, or do you think there are better ways to improve the economy?

laxes are the best way to increase		
economic growth	29	[045]
Better ways to improve the economy	64	
Depends (VOL)	3	
Not sure	5	

18. Do you think that the federal tax cuts that were passed in 2001 and that have taken effect so far have helped the economy, hurt the economy, or had no real effect on the economy?

Helped the economy	25	[046]
Hurt the economy	15	
Had no real effect on the economy	53	
Depends/Mixed/Some of each (VOL)	1	
Not sure	6	

19a-e. Now I'm going to mention a number of economic policies that Congress could consider, and for each one, please tell me whether you think it would or would not be effective in stimulating economic growth.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY WOULD BE EFFECTIVE IN STIMULATING ECONOMIC GROWTH

	Would Be Effective In	Would Not Be Effective In			
	Stimulating Economic Growth	Stimulating Economic Growth	Depends (VOL)	Not Sure	
Providing financial aid to state governments facing budget deficits			,		
May 2003	56	35	3	7	[050]
A cut in the capital gains tax, which is paid on profits from the sale of stocks and real estate					
May 2003	53	38	1	9	[051]
Accelerating the tax cuts scheduled for future years so that they begin this year					
May 2003	52	38	3	7	[049]
January 2003	59	33	2	6	
Providing an immediate rebate to taxpayers of three hundred dollars per person or up to twelve hundred dollars per family.					
May 2003	49	45	2	4	[047]
Eliminating taxes on stock dividends					
May 2003	40	48	2	10	[048]
January 2003	44	44	2	10	

20a-e. I'm going to read you a list of comments some people have made about President Bush's approach on the economy. For each one, please tell me whether you agree or disagree:

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY AGREE

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
It relies too heavily on tax cuts and not enough on direct job creation	68	26	5	[052]
It benefits the wealthy more than average people	66	32	2	[053]
It will increase the federal budget deficit	61	31	9	[054]
The president has been too preoccupied with the war and terrorism that he has not spent enough				
time on the economy	54	43	3	[056]
It will increase economic growth and create jobs	49	45	7	[055]

21. Which of the following proposals would you prefer—cutting federal taxes for individuals and businesses OR having the federal government provide money to help employers pay for health coverage for employees?

36	[057]
55	
3	
6	
	55 3

Turning to foreign policy . . .

Do you think that the United States should or should not have taken military action to remove Saddam 22. Hussein from power in Iraq?

	<u>5/03</u> *	<u>4/03</u>	3/17/031	2/03 ²	<u>1/03</u>	
Should have taken military action	71	76	65	60	56	[058]
Should not have taken military action	24	17	30	27	36	
Depends	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Not sure	5	7	5	13	8	
		<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02</u> +	<u>9/02</u>	<u>4/02</u> ³	
		59	60	58	57	
		30	31	30	28	
		NA	NA	NA	7	
		11	9	12	8	

 $^{^{\}star}$ Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A). 1 On March 17, 2003, this question was phrased, "Do you think that the United States should or should not take..."

Overnight poll conducted after Colin Powell's speech to the United Nations.
 In April 2002, this question was phrased, "Do you think that the United States should or should not take military action against Iraq and Saddam Hussein?" + Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

23.	Do you think that the war in Iraq is generally over with most of the challenges behind us, or do you think
	that most of the challenges in Iraq remain ahead?

	<u>5/03</u> **	<u>4/03</u> 1	
Most of the challenges behind us	26	22	[059]
Most of the challenges remain ahead	70	71	
Not sure	3	7	

^{**} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

24. Since the United States has taken military action against Iraq to remove Saddam Hussein from power, do you think the threat of terrorism in the United States has increased, decreased, or stayed about the same?

	<u>5/03</u>	4/03	3/17/03 ¹	<u>1/03</u>	12/02	
Increased	28	32	52	55	55	[060]
Decreased	19	14	16	10	9	
Stayed about the same	51	52	29	32	35	
Not sure	2	2	3	3	1	

¹ Prior to April 2003, this question was phrased, "If the United States took military action against Iraq to remove Saddam Hussein from power, do you think that the threat of terrorism in the United States would increase, decrease, or stay about the same?"

25. Do you think that Saddam Hussein is dead or alive?

Dead	14	[061]
Alive	66	
Not sure	20	

26. Do you think that the United States will or will not find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq?

Will find weapons of mass destruction Will not find weapons of mass destruction	60 32	[062]
Not sure	9	

27. Do you think it will or will not be possible to establish a stable democratic government in Iraq?

Possible to have stable democratic government	54	[063]
Not possible to have stable democratic government	37	
Depends/Not sure (VOL)	9	

28. Do you support or oppose the United States' spending up to sixty billion dollars over the next three years to rebuild Iraq?

	<u>5/03</u>	<u>4/03</u>	
Support	37	51	[064]
Oppose	57	41	
Depends/Not sure (VOL)1	6	8	

¹In April 2003, this question was phrased, "most of the challenges in the war remain ahead"

29. How likely do you think it is that the United States will be the target of another major terrorist attack at home or overseas in the next few months--very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely?

	<u>5/03</u>	<u> 10/02</u> +	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	
Very likely	41	55	44	45	44	45	[065]
Somewhat likely	41	34	40	38	37	40	
Somewhat unlikely	11	5	10	11	11	10	
Very unlikely	5	4	4	4	5	3	
Not sure	1	2	2	2	3	2	

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

30. Do you think the United States will or will not take military action against other countries during the next few years in order to reduce threats of terrorism against the United States? *

Will take military action during the next few years	69	[066]
Will not take military action during the next few years	17	
Depends/Don't Know/Not sure (VOL)	13	

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

31. Which of the following should be the top foreign policy priority for President Bush and his administration? (IF "ALL," ASK:) Well, if you had to choose just one, which would it be?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

The problem of nuclear weapons in North Korea	24	[067]
Completing the war on terrorism	21	
Peace negotiations between Israel and		
the Palestinians	21	
Rebuilding Iraq	8	
Dealing with states that border Iraq,		
such as Iran and Syria	5	
Rebuilding Afghanistan	2	
All equally important (VOL)	12	
None of these (VOL)	3	
Not sure	5	

Getting near the end of the survey . . .

32. As you may know, people become federal judges by being nominated by the president and then being approved by a majority of the Senate. Now let me read you two views about this process, and please tell me which one you agree with more

Statement A: The current judicial nomination review process is working well, because most nominees are approved.

Statement B: The current judicial nomination review process is not working well, because opponents in the Senate hold up too many nominees.

Statement A/process works	42	[068]
Statement B/rules not working well	46	
Not sure	12	

33. How much do you worry that the SARS virus represents a new kind of health threat that could affect people in your area--a great deal, quite a bit, just some, very little, or not at all? **

A great deal	11	[069]
Quite a bit	11	
Just some	28	
Very little	30	
Not at all	18	
Not sure	2	

^{**} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

34. Over the last 25 years with an all-volunteer military, fewer people have had the experience of serving in the armed forces. This means fewer people will have had the common experience of serving in the military. Do you think this change has been good for the country, bad for the country, or has not made any difference?

Good for the country	34	[070]
Bad for the country	24	
Has not made any difference	38	
Depends (VOL)	1	
Not sure	3	

35. Let us suppose that in the next presidential election one of the presidential candidates has never served in the U.S. military. Would this be a major factor, a minor factor or not really a factor at all for you in deciding whether or not to support such a candidate?

Major factor	13	[071]
Minor factor		
Not really a factor	62	
Depends (VOL)	-	
Not sure		

FACTUALS: Now I'm going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. Are you currently registered to vote in the precinct or election district where you live now, or haven't you had a chance to register yet?

Yes, registered	85	[072]
No, not registered	14	
Not sura	_	

F2. Are you currently employed?

(IF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) What type of work do you do?

(IF NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u>		
Professional/ manager	22	[073]
White-collar worker	23	
Blue-collar worker	15	
Not Currently Employed		
Student	2	
Homemaker	6	
Retired	20	
Unemployed, looking for work	6	
Other	6	
Not sure	1	

F3. Did you happen to vote in the 2000 presidential election? (IF "YES," ASK:) For whom did you vote-George W. Bush, the Republican, Al Gore, the Democrat, Ralph Nader, the Green Party candidate, or Pat Buchanan, the Reform Party candidate?

75	
42	[074]
27	
3	
1	
1	
1	
18	
2	
5	
	42 27 3 1 1 1 18 2

F4. How old are you? (IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24	9	50-54	10	[075]
25-29	6	55-59	8	
30-34	10	60-64	8	
35-39	9	65-69	7	
40-44	11	70-74	5	
45-49	10	75 and over	6	
		Refused	1	

	F5.	What is the I	ast grade that you	completed in school?
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Grade school	1	[076]
Some high school	7	
High school graduate	27	
Some college, no degree	17	
Vocational training/2-year college	10	
4-year college/bachelor's degree	20	
Some postgraduate work, no degree	2	
2 or 3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree	11	
Doctoral/law degree	2	
Not sure/refused	1	

F6. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal	19	[077]
Moderate	41	
Conservative	36	
Not sure	4	

F7. Are you currently single and never married, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Single	19	[078]
Married		
Separated	2	
Widowed	8	
Divorced	11	
Other (VOL)	-	
Not sure/refused	1	

F8a. In what religion were you brought up?

Protestant	33	CONTINUE	[079]
Catholic	28		
Jewish	2	Skip to Q.F8c	
Muslim	-		
Other	29		
None	3	CONTINUE	
Not sure/refused	3		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY PROTESTANT, OTHER, NONE, OR NOT SURE IN Q.F8a.)
F8b. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical	18	[080]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical	43	
Not sure	7	
Non-Protestants (Q.F8a)	30	

F8c.	How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, or	other p	lace of wo	orship?		
	Never	15	[081]			
	Once a year	8	[]			
	A few times a year	18				
	Once a month	7				
	About twice a month	10				
	Once a week or more often	38				
	Not sure	3				
F9.	Are you a member of a labor union? (IF "NO," ASK:) Is a labor union?	ınyone	else in th	is house	hold a me	ember of a
	Labor union member	10	[082]			
	Labor union household	5				
	Non-union household	82				
	Not sure	3				
F10.	Are you or is anyone in your immediate family a member or a	ı vetera	ın of the U	I.S. Arme	d Forces?	,
	Member of U.S. Armed Forces (respondent)		5	[083]		
	Veteran of U.S. Armed Forces (respondent)		15	• > •		
	Immediate family is member of U.S. Armed Ford		9			
	Immediate family is veteran of U.S. Armed Force		26			
	No/Not sure/refused		44			
F11a.	Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?					
	Yes, Hispanic	8	[084]			
	No, not Hispanic	90				
	Not sure/refused	2				
F11b.	What is your racewhite, black, Asian, or something else?					
	White	76	[085]			
	Black	10				
	Asian	2				
	Other	5				
	Hispanic (VOL)	5				
	Not sure/refused	2				

F12. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000	6	[086]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000	9	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000	12	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000	12	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000	9	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000	17	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000	12	
More than \$100,000	15	
Not sure/refused	9	